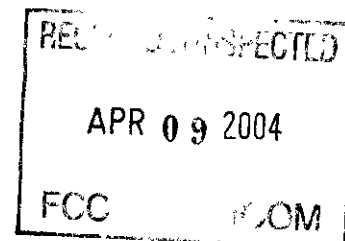


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March 23, 2003

Commission's Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D C 20544



Re WT Docket No. 01-309

I am writing comments in response to the petitions filed by various parties requesting the Commission to reconsider the Report and Order that modified the exemption for wireless phones under the Hearing Aid Compatibility Act of 1998

The FCC rules require digital phone manufacturers and service providers to take steps to reduce the amount of interference emitted from digital wireless phones and to provide the internal capability for telecoil coupling. I urge you to keep the rule intact so that people like me, who wear hearing aids, can have access to digital wireless phones

As a consumer with hearing loss who wears hearing aids with telecoils, these requirements are vital if I am able to function in my everyday life. For example, one day I needed to make a phone call while I was with a friend who has a digital wireless phone. I tried to use her phone but because of the interference caused by such phone, I could not use it. I'm concerned because analog service is not easy to find and pay phones are either out of order or disappearing completely

I want to be able to use a digital wireless phone just like everyone else without any alternative accessories that may be required for use with hearing aids on telecoil. Being able to try the phone with my hearing aid on telecoil in the store before I purchase a plan is also very important.

The 50% requirement is reasonable, both for me to have choices and to not be a burden on the manufacturers. Please do not reduce the percentage requirement.

Thank you and please retain the rule

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy Dietrich".

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